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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7563

BILL NUMBER: HB 1302

NOTE PREPARED: Mar 24, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Regulation of Seeds.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Gutwein

FIRST SPONSOR: Sen. Jackman

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 2nd House

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill prohibits a political subdivision from regulating the storage and use of seeds unless the political subdivision is granted a waiver by the State Seed Commissioner.

Effective Date: July 1, 2005.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill would require the State Seed Commissioner, who is also the State Chemist, to hold a public, informal hearing upon petition of a political subdivision. According to the State Chemist, hearings are held infrequently. If any additional hearings are held as a result of this bill, it is presumed the increase in administrative burden would be minimal. Although this bill could result in an increase of administrative burden on the Office of the State Chemist, it will not have an impact on state funds as the Office of the State Chemist is a self-supporting agency from fees provided in statute.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Office of the State Chemist.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Office of the State Chemist, (765) 494-1492.

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